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**RE: REVIEW
PERIODIC MONITORING REPORT FOR MORTANDAD AND SANDIA
WATERSHEDS, MAY 3 – MAY 19, 2010
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-10-094**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has received the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security L.L.C.'s (LANS) (collectively, the Permittees) *Periodic Monitoring Report for Mortandad and Sandia Watersheds, May 3 – May 19, 2010* dated November 2010 and referenced by LA-UR-10-6041 / EP2010-0394 (Report). NMED has reviewed the Report and provides the following comments.

1. NMED noted that the Permittees provided explanations for NMED's comments on previous Periodic Monitoring Reports as requested.
2. NMED noted a substantially elevated value for filtered specific conductance (19,600 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$), sampled on May 3, 2010, compared to historical values for

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specific conductance (270-333 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$) at location TS-1W. The Permittees must evaluate the reported result and provide an explanation for the elevated value in the next Periodic Monitoring Report.

The next submittal must reference this Report and all applicable page and table numbers. Please contact Pat Stewart at (505) 476-6059 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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